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SUBJECT: EUROPEAN COUNCIL, JULY 12-13: FIRST DAY HIGHLIGHTS

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1. SUMMARY: DURING THE JULY 12 SESSION OF THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL, THE EC HEADS OF GOVERNMENT REACHED TENTATIVE AGREEMENT ON THE NUMBER AND DISTRIBUTION OF SEATS FOR A DIRECTLY-ELECTED EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT. THEY ALSO DISCUSSED THE TINDEMANS REPORT AND LAW OF THE SEAS/FISHERIES ISSUES. THE JULY 13 SESSION IS EXPECTED TO COVER THE COMMUNITY'S ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SITUATION, THE PUERTO RICO SUMMIT, AND TERRORISM. END SUMMARY.

2. EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT DIRECT RELATIONS

SUBJECT TO A FORMAL RESERVATION ON THE PART OF THE UK,  
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THE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO A PARLIAMENT

OF 410 SEATS, TO BE DISTRIBUTED AS FOLLOWS: 81 EACH FOR THE UK, THE FRG, FRANCE AND ITALY; 25 FOR THE NETHERLANDS; 24 FOR BELGIUM; 16 FOR DENMARK; 15 FOR IRELAND; AND 6 FOR LUXEMBOURG. PRIME MINISTER CALLAGHAN STATED FOR THE RECORD THAT UK APPROVAL WAS SUBJECT TO THE OUTCOME OF THE JULY 12 HOUSE OF COMMONS DEBATE ON DIRECT ELECTIONS. THE UK SPOKESMAN (MCCARTNEY) STRESSED THAT CALLAGHAN DID NOT WISH TO APPEAR TO BE PRE-JUDGING THE OUTCOME OF THAT DEBATE BY ACCORDING EARLY PRIOR FORMAL UK APPROVAL OF THE 410-SEAT FORMULA. MCCARTNEY DID EXPRESS THE HOPE THAT THE AGREEMENT MIGHT BE RATIFIED DURING THE COURSE OF THE COUNCIL'S JULY 13 SESSION. AN IRISH SPOKESMAN REPORTED THAT THE DECISION TO RAISE THE LARGE STATES' REPRESENTATION TO 81 SEATS, FROM A PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED 80 SEATS, RESULTED FROM A JOINT UK/IRISH RECOMMENDATION THAT NORTHERN IRELAND BE ASSURED AN EXTRA SEAT (RAISING THAT REGION'S TOTAL TO 3) IN ORDER THAT CATHOLIC MINORITY REPRESENTATION MIGHT BE GUARANTEED.

3. IN JULY 13 MORNING-AFTER INTERVIEW ON THE BELGIAN RADIO NETWORK, PRIME MINISTER TINDEMANS STATED THAT IT WAS A BELGIAN CONCESSION THAT HAD LED TO A RESOLUTION OF THE SEATING DEADLOCK LATE JULY 12. ACCORDING TO TINDEMANS, THE DANISH GOVERNMENT WAS UNDER STRICT ORDERS FROM THE VOLKETING NOT TO AGREE TO ANY FORMULA THAT DID NOT ASSURE DENMARK AT LEAST 16 SEATS. TINDEMANS THEREFORE DECIDED TO YIELD ONE BELGIAN SEAT (THEREBY ABANDONING BELGIUM'S PARITY AT 25 SEATS WITH THE NETHERLANDS) IN ORDER TO RAISE DENMARK'S TOTAL FROM 15 TO 16.

4. AT A POST-SESSION PRESS CONVERENCE, NETHERLANDS PRIME MINISTER DEN UYL, THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT, STATED THAT DIRECT ELECTIONS, ON THE BASIS OF THE 410-SEAT FORMULA, WILL BE HELD IN MAY OR JUNE OF 1978, THAT PRECISE DATES TO BE WORKED OUT LATER. HE INDICATED THAT THE TERM OF THE PARLIAMENT WAS TO BE FOUR YEARS. THE PRESIDENT OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, GEORGES SPENALE, WHO APPEARED AT THE DEN UYL PRESS CONFERENCE, HAILED THE COUNCIL DECISION AS A "VICTORY FOR PARLIAMENTARY DEMOCRACY."

#### 5. TINDEMANS REPORT

DUTCH FOREIGN MINISTER VAN DER STOEL, PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL  
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OF MINISTERS, DELIVERED A PROGRESS REPORT ON THE FOREIGN MINISTERS' DISCUSSIONS OF THE TINDEMANS REPORT. DEN UYL SUBSEQUENTLY TOLD THE PRESS THAT (AS REPORTED REFTEL) FINAL DECISIONS ON A PACKAGE OF TINDEMANS PROPOSALS WILL BE DEFERRED UNTIL THE NOVEMBER EUROPEAN COUNCIL IN THE HAGUE.

#### 6. LOS/FISHERIES

CALLAGHAN IS REPORTED TO HAVE MADE HIS EXPECTED APPEAL

FOR AN EC DECLARATION OF INTENT TO GO TO A 200-MILE EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE AND FOR EC FISHERIES NEGOTIATIONS WITH THIRD COUNTRIES. ACCORDING TO THE UK SPOKESMAN, CALLAGHAN STATED THAT, AS THE 200-MILE LIMIT CONCEPT IS WIDELY ACCEPTED AS INEVITABLE, THE EC SHOULD QUICKLY ADJUST ITS POSTURE ACCORDINGLY. HE STRESSED THAT ICELAND HAD ALREADY EXTENDED HER LIMITS AND THAT THE US, CANADA, NORWAY, AND OTHERS WOULD FOLLOW. HE POINTED OUT THAT THE SOVIET UNION WAS ALREADY TAKING BETWEEN ONE-SIXTH AND ONE-FIFTH OF THE FISH IN COMMUNITY WATERS AND WARNED THAT, IF NO PROTECTIVE ACTIONS WERE TAKEN, THESE RESOURCES WOULD BE SQUANDERED. STRESSING AGAIN THE UK'S CONTRIBUTION TO COMMUNITY FISHERIES RESOURCES, CALLAGHAN CALLED FOR "POLITICAL UNDERSTANDING" OF THE IMPORTANCE OF FISHERIES PROBLEMS. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MAY REACH AGREEMENT ON A 200-MILE DECLARATION OF INTENT DURING THEIR CONCLUDING SESSION ON JULY 13.

7. JULY 13 SESSION

DURING THEIR TUESDAY SESSION, WHICH IS EXPECTED TO CONCLUDE BEFORE MID-DAY, THE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT WILL REVIEW A COMMISSION REPORT ON THE COMMUNITY'S ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SITUATION AND WILL DISCUSS COMMUNITY REPRESENTATION AT FUTURE SUMMITS IN THE PUERTO RICO MOLD (REFTEL). AT FRG CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT'S REQUEST, THEY WILL ALSO DISCUSS TERRORISM. AS NOTED ABOVE, IT IS HOPED THAT THE DECISION ON DIRECT ELECTIONS CAN BE FORMALLY RATIFIED AND THE COUNCIL MAY ISSUE A STATEMENT ON 200-MILE LIMITS. ACCORDING TO UK AND FRG SOURCES, THE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT DISCUSSED THE NOMINATION OF ROY JENKINS AS NEXT COMMISSION PRESIDENT AT DINNER ON JULY 12 AND MAY ISSUE A STATEMENT JULY 13 CONFERRING SOME DEGREE OF BLESSING SHORT OF FORMAL APPROVAL ON HIS NOMINATION. HINTON

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